

Don of the city: "The appraisal was \$175,000,000."

"What?" interrupted the Mayor. "You mean \$175,000,000?"

"Yes, you excuse me."

"Certainly," returned the Mayor in a most conciliatory and patronizing voice. "You got mixed up in figures yourself, didn't you?"

Chairman Meyer rapped some of the points off his desk with his gavel but the laughter and demonstration continued. When Senator Meyer finally threatened to clear the room, the audience dispersed.

BROWN APOLOGIZES FOR "BLOOD MONEY" REMARK.

Only Chairman Schuyler Meyer and Assemblyman Bloch were present when the Mayor arrived with another array of books and records before the committee. Inquisitor Brown asked that the session proceed if the Mayor had no objections. The Mayor did not object.

Mr. Brown arose and said that he wanted to apologize for his use yesterday of the term "blood money." He said that nobody had asked him to do this; but when he read the expression in the newspapers it looked different from what he intended to convey.

It did not seem proper to apply it in connection with the bankers of the city who had come to the rescue of the city in its great need and advanced the money in those tight days of the war to safely carry the city beyond the rocks.

Mayor Hylan arose and bowed. He said: "I think you used the right word, Senator."

There was quite a colloquy after that between the Mayor and the interrogator of the committee on the ethics of yesterday's proceedings. When Mr. Brown asked the Mayor for the records which he sought yesterday the Mayor said he did not have them. He produced the answer from the Comptroller's office as to why he didn't have them.

"Let me see that, please," said Mr. Brown.

"No, I am going to read it," responded the Mayor.

Q. That's all right. A. The Comptroller said (reading): "A large number of employees in the Comptroller's office are now on their annual vacation and others have yet to go. It is impossible for the Comptroller to attempt to compile the information for the committee which must have been compiled long before this by the numerous investigators of the Legislative Committee who have had unrestricted access to the records of the Finance Department for several weeks past. If they have not finished their work, they are at liberty to do so." Any question, the answer to which is to be furnished by the Comptroller, should be addressed to the Comptroller, who will doubtless answer it to the best of his ability. That is my statement.

Q. You would like to correct, explain, or add to some things? A. Yes, I wish to say that there are many figures used by the Mayor in statements that I made as well as figures used by you, Senator Brown, that were taken from the Comptroller's figures and reports. Any examination of the Mayor or anybody else with reference to figures compiled by the Comptroller, cannot bring about any reliable information because the Mayor or anybody else except the Comptroller made up the figures.

DOESN'T PRETEND TO KNOW THE DETAILS OF FINANCE.

Q. You are promulgating them as sound, true figures, aren't you? A. Yes, and rely upon them, and any question as to those figures, if you want accurate information, it seems to me you ought to take it up with the Comptroller. But you are taking up these financial figures with me. It is nothing more or less than a left-handed method of examining the Comptroller's office and the Finance Department. I cannot be expected to know all the figures and all the details of these financial workings of a great office that I have nothing to do with.

Q. I don't wish to harass you in any way, but I want to say to you that this committee was appointed partly, at least, with the view to some constructive legislation for the correction or improvement of the financial conditions in the city, and it is necessary, and at least proper, if it is necessary, that the committee should understand what you think, if you have any ideas on them, in relation to matters bearing on any such reconstruction or improvement, and I was asking you questions with a view to that. A. In past examinations of the Mayor—I think Mayor Mitchell and possibly Mayor Gaynor—when they were desirous of investigating or asking them any technical and important questions, the questions were written out and sent to them. Some investigating committees have done that with me, so that I could have an opportunity to see that there is no trick or catch in the questions. Some of the questions you asked me yesterday would cause experts in the Comptroller's office to go to the figures to answer them. You realize that.

Mr. Brown—I did not intend to ask you any question that was not a matter of general information derived from the Comptroller's report and from your experience as Mayor, and in your other functions as Mayor, **BROWN ADMITS TRUTH OF MAYOR'S DEFENSE.**

The Mayor—But, Senator, there are many acts of yours, and many matters you voted on when you were in the Legislature, that you cannot remember all the details about. You remember that they were there, but you cannot remember upon what

basis or figures or conditions you acted upon.

Mr. Brown—That is quite true. The Mayor—I have many duties, probably twenty or thirty, and I cannot be expected to know the information in the Finance Department that you are looking for. You assume are in there. I have to rely upon the Comptroller, and why not Senator, get the men in there that understand these matters.

Q. At the time that you came into office, the Comptroller's statement shows that there was a debt limit represented in unnumbered authorities of \$15,000,000. Do you remember that? A. Yes.

Q. At that time the assessed valuation of the city was \$3,250,000,000 real estate, in round numbers. In the last assessment roll the assessed valuation of the real estate is \$3,870,000,000 in round numbers. The increase in debt-incurring power as based on the assessment between those periods would, therefore, be \$172,000,000. I have here the Comptroller's statement of July 1, 1921, which shows the limit in unnumbered authorities to be \$137,000,000, a difference in \$35,000,000, which decrease has taken place during your term of office which, plus the \$18,000,000, would be a decrease in unnumbered authorities, or the limit shown by them during your period in office, of \$33,000,000. Have you any attention to that? A. I don't know that the grouping of figures that you have given here is correct.

Q. I have given them directly from the Comptroller, whose figures you accept, unless they are impeached. A. There is some question whether some part of it is not increased instead of decreased. I would say that that was a question that you ought to put to the Comptroller.

Q. I have not given any attention to it? A. I have not given any attention to the question grouping the figures as you have grouped them.

Q. Well, now, you understand that if there was \$33,000,000 of unnumbered authorization of \$18,000,000 when you came in and you have added to that an increase in the assessment roll \$172,000,000, that that would make, if you had not decreased the debt-incurring power of the city by increase in debt, that that should show now as \$190,000,000 as of the 1st of July, don't you? A. The debt-incurring power has increased since I have been in office.

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BLAZEN SUBWAY TIES UP TRAFFIC, CAUSES ALARM

Accident to Motor on Seventh Avenue Express Train at 72d Street Station.

GIRL FAINTS IN CRUSH.

Passengers Excited When Tube Fills With Smoke—Crush on the Stairway.

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PRINCE DE BOURBON AND MRS. ARCHIBALD BREAK ENGAGEMENT



Mrs. BERTHA K. ARCHIBALD.

Marriage of Wealthy Widow and Titled Foreigner Is Called Off.

Friends of Mrs. Bertha Archibald, wealthy English widow, of No. 1033 Fifth Avenue, received formal notice to-day of the breaking of her engagement to Don Louis de Bourbon which was announced in April.

Mrs. Archibald is sailing soon with a party of friends for Japan to be absent several months. She has lived in New York about ten years and is a sculptress. She spends her summers at Newport. She formerly was Miss Bertha K. McVadden and her husband, Edmund Archibald, was killed while on a coaching trip in New Zealand soon after their marriage.

Don Louis de Bourbon has been in New York some time. He is thirty-eight years old, has the courtesy title of Prince Louis de Bourbon. He is a member of the Bourbon family of which King Alfonso is head. He has taken the first step toward becoming a citizen of this country.

Car Beside His In Traffic Jam Had Levy's Dog

Lady Dean II, Which Ran Away a Year Ago, Barks Her Joy at Owner.

A limousine with an impatient passenger was shooting down Madison Avenue to-day when Traffic Policeman Sheppard lifted his hand to stop the north and south current and start the east and west.

The impatient man, Archibald Levy, No. 34 West 72nd Street, leaned out of the window to get an idea how long the interruption was going to last, and as he turned his head he was greeted with a bark of delight from a commercial car that had stopped beside him.

"It's Lady Dean," cried Levy, and rubbed the dog.

In the adjoining car were John Hall and Carl Hultgren, painters and decorators, County Road, Tenefly, N. J. And with them, chained to a seat, was a beautiful Russian wolfhound.

"That dog is mine," Levy told the policeman. "Her name is Lady Dean, II, daughter of the famous Lady Dean I, winner of twenty blue ribbons."

Back said the dog belonged to a neighbor named Robinson. He and Hultgren were arrested and taken to the Yorkville Court.

Levy said that last September, when he lived in White Plains, the dog ran down the road and did not come back. He said he had searched and advertised in vain. He blessed the luck that caused his car to stop where it did and when it did this morning.

Magistrate Renaud said it was a White Plains case and the whole party started for that town.

Levy identified the dog, he said, not only by the general appearance but also by two scars, and the dog certainly seemed to know him.

\$500 FINE, DAY'S SENTENCE, FOR TAKING BANK FUNDS.

Races and Stock Market Caused Callahan's Downfall.

John J. Callahan, employed as Liberty Bond clerk by the Importers' and Traders' National Bank, when arraigned to-day before Judge Sheppard in the United States District Court, pleaded guilty to violating the National Banking Law, the irregularities which he has been admitting, totalling \$15,000 and covered two years.

Assistant United States Attorney Mainwaring Judge Sheppard said that after Callahan took the first \$200, he fell into the hands of loan sharks, and eventually began paying the races and gambling in stock. The disclosed funds to make good the deficiency. When the irregularities were discovered by the grand jury.

Judge Sheppard sentenced Callahan to serve one day in the County Jail and a fine of \$500. Friends of Callahan paid the fine and he will be released after serving his day.

POLICE SUSPECT 2 MEN IN WATCHMAN'S SLAYING.

Arrest for Brooklyn Murder Is Expected To-day.

The police were said to have two men under suspicion in connection with the killing yesterday of John Schmuckler, night watchman at the H. C. Hoback Company store, No. 1231 Broadway, Brooklyn, and it was expected an arrest would be made to-day.

District Attorney Lewis said the murder was a "horrible" one, and that "for a mere pittance the life of a loyal workman was beaten out." He said he would do all in his power to see the crime did not go unpunished.

Catching Ride, Caught in Wheel and Dies of Injuries.

Paul Jacobie, 33 years old, of No. 1213 60th Street, Brooklyn, died today of injuries received yesterday when he tried to catch a ride on a lumber truck at 12th Avenue and 151st Street. The boy, fourteen years old, was caught in one of the wheels and he was whirled around several times.

Auto Breaks Her Collar Bone.

Esther Rocco, forty, of No. 45 West 117th Street, was struck by an automobile, and injured, on March 19th Street, Rockaway Park, at Fifth Avenue and 151st Street. Today she was taken to Harlem Hospital with a fractured collar bone.

MRS. OBENCHAIN TELLS FOUR-HOUR STORY OF SLAYING

Prosecutor Refuses to Say Whether He'll Seek Her Indictment.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.—New revelations in the murder of John B. Kennedy were made to-day by Mrs. Madalynne C. Obenchain, Kennedy's sweetheart, according to District Attorney T. E. Woolwine.

The young woman spent four hours in Woolwine's office. Woolwine indicated she told all she knew of the midnight murder and gave details of her relations with Kennedy and with Arthur Burch, son of a Chicago clergyman, on whom suspicion rests.

Mrs. Obenchain's story will be laid before the Grand Jury which has been summoned to investigate the murder. Woolwine refused to state whether he would ask indictment of Mrs. Obenchain.

The coroner's jury, which ended its investigation with a vitriolic statement by the father of the slain man against "that woman," as he referred to Mrs. Obenchain, found the wealthy young broker had come to his death "from a shotgun held in the hands of an unknown person."

Kennedy's father said Mrs. Obenchain had pursued his son and often threatened to kill herself if he was not true to her.

Letters made public to-day which, passed between Kennedy and Mrs. Obenchain, revealed that soon after the marriage of the Northwestern University co-ed to Obenchain, a Chicago attorney, the friendship between the woman and Kennedy was renewed. They were friends previous to her marriage to Obenchain.

The letters showed Mrs. Obenchain obtained her divorce apparently with the understanding that she would marry Kennedy and that the Los Angeles broker's love had cooled by the time she was ready to marry him. She wrote several letters scolding him for his apparent lack of ardor and one in which she apologized for keeping him so late at night, when Kennedy's mother apparently called Mrs. Obenchain's home on the telephone and asked for her son.

Burch was calm and cool to-day. The State apparently found difficulty in fastening the murder on him through lack of information regarding his movements the night of the killing. Although auto tire marks found near the scene of the shooting were said to have coincided with those of a machine rented by Burch, no information was obtained as to where the gun with which Kennedy was shot was obtained or what was done with it after the shooting.

The prosecution was believed to be attempting to induce Mrs. Obenchain to tell her story in court with promise of immunity. She was pale and plainly worried to-day.

DENIES KILLING BRIDE FOUND SLAIN IN TRUNK.

James E. Mahoney Says He Is Re-signed to His Fate.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 10.—James E. Mahoney to-day was held in connection with the murder of his wealthy, eccentric bride, whose body was found in a trunk. Mahoney has steadfastly contended he did not kill the woman.

The body was found in the trunk at Lake Union after a search since April. Mahoney was questioned for two days following the discovery of the body, but officials were unable to obtain any admissions of his knowledge of the murder.

Mrs. Nora Mahoney, mother of the prisoner, and Mrs. Delores Johnson, his sister, were questioned, at length, but were not arrested.

"I'm resigned to my fate," Mahoney said. "I suppose they'll hang me. It will kill my mother. That's all I care for—my mother and relatives."

HUGHES' CAMEOS SELL LIKE HOT CAKES IN ITALY

Carvers Wish Wilson's Were Still Popular, as He Has No Whiskers.

Cameos on which are engraved the likeness of former President Woodrow Wilson are now a drug on the market in Italy, according to Genaro Scognamiglio, a cameo dealer of No. 9 Maiden Lane, who arrived here to-day on the Police liner Guglielmo Perini from Italy.

"Cameos of Secretary Hughes," he said, "are selling like hot cakes. We can hardly keep the supply equal to the demand."

The reason for the bull market on Hughes cameos, Mr. Scognamiglio explained, was the fact that Mr. Hughes recently became well-known in Italy because of his activities as President of the Italy-America Society. Woodrow Wilson, he said, is unpopular in Italy.

For business reasons, he indicated, it would be better to have Wilson cameos on a buoyant market since they are easier to manufacture because of his death of whiskers.

HELD IN STRANGE MURDER MYSTERY IN LOS ANGELES



MADALYNNE OBENCHAIN.

Arthur C. Burch.

NO 3-CENT STAMPS, NO CHECK OR AUTO TAX TO BE ASKED

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consists of about \$100,000,000 in war saving securities and \$70,000,000 in what is known as Pittman Act certificates. As a matter of fact this total of \$170,000,000 was incurred during the war and is to be regarded as a part of the war debt.

There wasn't any more reason in Mr. Mellon's opinion for paying that \$170,000,000 out of new revenues than paying off Liberty bonds. Of course such part of the \$170,000,000 as falls due during the year will be paid for out of sinking fund or other available funds. It isn't such a large amount but what it can be handled satisfactorily. So it was cut out of the estimates of new revenue.

The most important announcement made was that the actual tax burden of the people would be \$3,075,000,000. This is about \$500,000,000 less than it has been under the present law. The following analysis shows how the Government has decided to bring about the reduction:

Amount of new budget, \$4,034,000,000.

Amount to be raised by direct taxation of the people, \$3,075,000,000.

Difference, \$959,000,000.

Revenue from present tariff, \$300,000,000.

Back taxes unpaid or evaded, \$100,000,000.

Salvage of Government property, \$140,000,000.

Increased revenue expected from new tariff, \$70,000,000.

Less miscellaneous receipts into treasury, \$349,000,000.

Total from sources other than income taxes, \$959,000,000.

Now, examining the item of \$3,075,000,000 which is to be collected in income taxes from the people, the Government proposes to readjust taxes in various ways.

In the first place the excess profits tax will be repealed so as to be effective from last January. Business men making out their income taxes for the year 1921 can forget about excess profits taxes. On the other hand, the profits taxes. The corporation tax rate will be 15 per cent.

The taxes on wearing apparel will be repealed and all the proposals to increase postage from two to three cents or to tax bank checks or automobile licenses have been dropped altogether.

It is estimated that the corporation tax will yield an additional \$125,000,000 by reason of the increase in the corporation rate. This will help offset some of the losses occasioned by the repeal of the excess profits taxes.

The taxes on freights and passenger fares will be entirely repealed Jan. 1. There will be a readjustment of the taxes on soft drinks.

Broadly speaking, the Harding Administration is trying to give the public some relief this year and promises more next year. Big business, which has contended that the excess profits tax strangled initiative, has been given immediate relief on that score, and while the tax changes do not affect the smaller incomes, the theory is that with the lifting of the burden on corporations a revival of business will ensue and the industrial depression will come to an end.

Of course, Congress hasn't actually agreed to the changes proposed by the President and the Republican leaders, but the plan now is to jam the Revenue Bill through a Republican caucus and then through the House, leaving it to the Senate to try to find still further ways to reduce taxes.

COL. PORTER FOE OF MOONSHINERS, GIVES UP U. S. JOB

"Roarin' Dan" Says He Must Earn Some Real Money—20 Years in Service.

Col. Daniel L. Porter, Supervising Internal Revenue Agent of the New York Division, with a record of capturing 1,200 moonshiners during his twenty years' service in the Internal Revenue Department, resigned to-day. The resignation, which was forwarded to D. H. Blair, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, will take effect Aug. 31. "Roarin' Dan," the title earned in the mountains of Virginia and Kentucky